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SUBJ: ANDEAN PACT: JUNTA PROPOSAL ON TECHNOLOGY POLICY

1. ON NOVEMBER 26, JUNTA WILL PRESENT PROPOSAL TO COMMISSION ON SUBREGIONAL TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT POLICY. PROPOSAL IS BASED ON EXTENSIVE RESEARCH OVER TWO YEAR PERIOD AND IS UNLIKELY TO BE APPROVED IMMEDIATELY. TEXT OF PROPOSAL WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL FINAL VERSION AGREED ON BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, PROBABLY BY EARLY 1974.

2. PROPOSAL CONTEMPLATES GRADUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNOLOGICAL INFRASTRUCTURE. FIRST STEP IS TO ESTABLISH CLOSE LINKS AND COMMUNICATION AMONG TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTES, USERS OF TECHNOLOGY AND POLICY MAKERS IN TECHNOLOGY FIELD. EMPHASIS IS TO BE PLACED ON AREAS OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC PRIORITY, SUCH AS AGRICULTURE, HEALTH, HOUSING

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AND NUTRITION.

3. JOINT POLICIES ARE CONTEMPLATED IN IMPORTATION, ASSIMILATION, ADAPTATION AND CREATION OF TECHNOLOGY, AS WELL AS IN ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBREGIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEM. PROPOSAL AS CURRENTLY DRAFTED ONLY COVERS PART OF THE OVERALL PROGRAM.

4. PREFERENCES ARE GIVEN TO SUBREGIONAL CONSULTING AND ENGINEERING FIRMS. FURTHERMORE, "ANDEAN PROJECTS OF TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT" TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE. THESE WOULD BE SEPARATELY FINANCED AND WOULD ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO SPECIFIC PROBLEMS. FIRST TWO PROPOSALS FOR SUCH PROJECTS ALREADY PREPARED. ONE IS ON UTILIZATION OF TROPICAL FORESTRY PRODUCTS, THE OTHER ON A NEW TEACHING PROCESS FOR COPPER RECOVERY FROM LOW GRADE ORES. SEPARATE AIRGRAMS WILL BE PREPARED ON THESE TWO PROPOSALS.

5. SUBREGIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEM AND SYSTEM OF INCENTIVES FOR RISK CAPITAL IN R&D LEFT PENDING FOR SEPARATE JUNTA PROPOSALS. SUBJECT TO PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS, HOWEVER, PRESENT PROPOSAL MAY BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THEM IN SAME PACKAGE.

6. TEXT OF PROPOSAL BEING POUCHED TO ARA:ECP AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

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